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Milwaukee Democrats Volunteer at Hunger Task Force Farm



Milwaukee - On Friday, May 6th members and staff of the Milwaukee Democratic Legislative Caucus spent the afternoon volunteering at the Hunger Task Force Farm in Franklin, Wisconsin.

The group spent time planting tomatoes that will soon be part of the farm's operation. When the tomatoes ripen, volunteers will harvest them by hand and the fresh produce will be sent to food pantries and food banks throughout the Milwaukee area. The Hunger Task Force Farm produces 750,000 pounds of fresh produce every year.

Later in the afternoon, the group helped plant indigenous grasses as part of the Oak Savannah restoration project. The project seeks to return an Oak Savanna to its original native habitat and use the natural area as an outdoor classroom and recreation area.

Both the growing of fresh, healthy food and the restoration and conservation of pristine natural areas are consistent with the mission of the Milwaukee Democratic Legislative Caucus. The day of service is one of many that the delegation plans on having throughout the Milwaukee area.

At the farm, Hunger Task Force grows 25 different fruit and vegetable crops on 100+ tillable acres. Their crop list includes apples, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, sweet corn, cucumbers, pears, peppers, squash, tomatoes and watermelon. In 2015, more than 5,000 Citizen Farmer Volunteers from the Milwaukee area planted, weeded and harvested fresh produce at the farm.

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